Varsity baseball

Red Devils hand Raiders defeat

Poor hitting and defensive errors resulted in a 5-2 Appomattox loss in the varsity Raiders baseball team's season opener Friday at Rustburg.

"We didn't hit the ball, and Rustburg had some good left-handed pitching, which we haven't worked against so far this season," commented Raider coach Howard Clabough. "Our only hit was by pinch-hitter R.L. Waldo. We had runs on base, but we couldn't come up with hits in key situations. It seemed that every time a batter made contact, the ball went straight to a Rustburg player."

The Raider led early in the game, after they scored two runs in the second inning. Jay Chenault and Tony Chandler were walked, then Neal Kelso sacrificed them to second and third base. Russell Walton then walked to load the bases. Phil Bollinger walked next, forcing one run home, and the Raiders scored their second run when Timmy Austin laid down a squeeze bunt to bring Chandler home.

But the Red Devils came back to take the lead in the third inning, scoring three runs. The score remained 3-2 until the sixth inning, when the Devils scored the final two runs of the game.

"Our pitching was adequate," commented Clabough. "They only got five hits, and two of their runs were unearned. We made some mental errors that hurt us."

The mistakes which the Raiders made were largely typical of early season play, according to the coach. "I think our hitting will pick up too," he added. "Our pitching is way ahead of our hitting, but I think they will even out as we get some more game experience."

The Raiders were scheduled to play Nelson County Tuesday after the Times-Virginian deadline, and the team is scheduled to play Gretna Friday at Gretna. Game time is 4:30 p.m.

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SPORTS

RAIDER PAUL JOHNSON winds up to deliver a pitch in Friday afternoon's season-opening varsity baseball game against Rustburg. The Red Devils won that contest, 5-2. (Photo by ALlen Austin.)

For girls and boys

Track season opens

The Appomattox girls' and boys' track teams placed second and third, respectively, in a three-way meet with Rustburg and Buckingham Monday.

In the girls' segment of the meet, Rustburg scored 81 points, Appomattox scored 37 and Buckingham scored 35.

Angel Goode won the 100- and 200-meter races, and was a member of the winning 800-meter relay team, along with Rhonda Morgan, Yolanda Trent and LaDelle Wright.

Nancy Cole took second place in the discus, and fourth place in the shot put competition.

Patricia Myrick took second place in the 3200-meter race, and April Archer took second place in the hurdles.

The Appomattox 400-meter relay team, consisting of LaDelle Wright, Tracey Fitch, Kim Shupe and Janet Smith, took second place in the meet.

Janet Smith took third place in the 400-meter race, Lynn Robinson took fourth in the 1600- and 800-meter races, and Kim Shupe took fourth place in the high jump event.

The Appomattox boys' track team scored 27 points. Buckingham scored 49, and Rustburg scored 74 points.

For Appomattox, Malcolm Miller won the 1600- and 800-meter races. Dale Robinson placed third in the triple jump, Jack Williams placed third in the 3200-meter race, and Jimmy Fillin game placed third in the high hurdles.

Todd Scruggs placed third in the shot put, fourth in the discus, and fourth in the 400-meter race.

Larry Shorter placed third in the intermediate hurdles, and fourth in the triple jump.

Roger Willis placed fourth in the pole vault competition for Appomattox.

The next track meet, which will be another three-way meet with Altavista and Gretna at Altavista, is scheduled for Thursday at 4 p.m.

JANET SMITH AND LEWIS NAPIER have been chosen by the Appomattox County High School track coaching staff as Appomattox's track athletes of the week.

Jayvees win 2 in opening week

The Appomattox junior varsity baseball team defeated Randolph-Henry and Jefferson Forest last week for their first two wins for the season.

The young Raiders staged two exciting comebacks in these games to defeat their opponents. In the first game they rallied from a 5-1 deficit to overcome Randolph Henry 7-6. Andre McCoy's double, Alex Almond's RBI single, and Jeff Motley's 2-RBI single were sandwiched around Barry Phelps and Jeff Carwile's walk to lead the rally.

Anthony Kelso knocked in the final run of the inning with a sacrifice fly. After the visiting Charlotte County team tied the score in the fifth inning, Andre McCoy scored the winning run after he walked, stole second base. He eventually scored on an error by the first baseman during a pitchoff attempt.

Jeff Motley picked up the win in relief of R.W. Jamerson. Jeff pitched 3 innings allowing only 2 hits.

The second game was almost a repeat of the first one, except the Raiders rallied from an 8-2 deficit to win 11-10. The Raiders bayed out 9 solid hits for the game and 7 in the fourth inning to score 6 runs.

Leading hitters were Andre McCoy, 2 for 2, 3 runs scored; and Gary Scruggs, 2 for 2. Ricky Dickerson, Anthoy Kelso, Brad Mann, Robert Chenault, and Jeff Motley each had one hit. Dickerson also knocked in 3 runs and Motley knocked in two.

Gary Scruggs pitched the last 3½ innings to earn the win. He relieved Alex Almond who started.

Softball squad loses first game

The Raiderette softball team lost their season opener to Rustburg's Lady Red Devils Friday afternoon, 12-9.

A total of 11 errors and only four hits cancelled out the advantage of 15 bases on balls for Appomattox. "We had too many costly errors at the wrong time," coach Mary Tolley said of the Raiderettes. "We let them score several times with two outs."

The Lady Red Devils took a 2-1 lead in the first inning, and never relinquished the lead. Appomattox scored four runs in the third inning, one run in the fourth, two runs in the sixth, and one run in the final inning.

There were some bright spots for the Raiderettes. Marsha Cheatham, Kim Hancock and Janet Thomas all hit doubles, and Hancock, Thomas and Sandra Watkins all had two RBIs. Diann Jones also got a single for the Raiderettes.

"Our poor showing at the plate was the difference in the game," Tolley said. "We left a lot of baserunners stranded. But the hitting should pick up, and the fielding errors and other little mistakes can be ironed out."

The Raiderettes were scheduled to play Nelson County Tuesday after the Times-Virginian deadline. Friday, the team will play Gretna at home. Game time is 4:30 p.m., and the games are played at the softball field behind Appomattox Middle School.

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Girls' tennis team wins 2 matches

The Raiderette girls' tennis team defeated Liberty 5-4, and Gretna 6-3 in matches played last Tuesday and Friday.

Anne Caldwell, Michelle Ford and Susan Booker won their singles matches against Liberty, and the Coleman-Caldwell and Ford-Booker doubles teams won their matches for Appomattox.

In singles, Sally Coleman lost a close match to Liberty's Ann Rucker, 8-6. Raiderette Donna Dickerson lost another close singles match, 9-7, and Appomattox's Anne Hancock lost her singles match to Beth McIvor, 8-1.

Dickerson and Jennifer Coleman lost a close doubles match, 8-6.

"We started out a little slow against Liberty," said Raiderette coach Jan Jennings. "They have several strong hitters, and at the end of the singles matches, we were tied 3-3."

The coach added that the Appomattox girls doubles teams "are doing very well this season. We had some outstanding play from all three doubles teams to win the match."

Against Gretna, Michelle Ford, Susan Booker, Donna Dickerson and Anne Hancock won their matches handily, with Gretna's Lee Arrington winning the only game for Gretna in those four matches, in her contest against Susan Booker.

Sally Coleman lost a close match to Sherri Berry, 8-5, and Anne Caldwell lost her singles match to Gretna's Mary Bennett.

The Ford-Booker and Jennifer Coleman-Caldwell doubles team lost their doubles match 8-4 to Sherri Berry and Mary Bennett.

"We enjoyed playing Gretna Friday, even though the weather was very cold, and very windy," Jennings said.

"Gretna has two very good players at numbers one and two seeds, which were their only two wins of the match."

Anne Hancock, a newcomer to the team, "Showed good form and style as she won her match," the coach said. "All the girls looked good Friday, especially their servies, and they had good control with their volleys and net shots."

Jennings concluded, "I'm looking forward to a winning season, with our record now at 2-1."

The Raiderettes were scheduled to play Rustburg Tuesday after the Times-Virginia deadline. The team will play Jefferson Forest at home next Tuesday. The matches begin at 4:30.

MIKE PERRY of Concord is shown with an eight-pound largemouth bass he caught when fishing in as private pond near Cullen recently. With warming weather, anglers should enjoy increased success in coming weeks.

Local students in concert

By TINA CAMPBELL

Claude T. Smith, composer of instrumental and choral music, was the guest conducter at Longwood College on March 6 in honor of National Music Week.

Mr. Smith is from Kansas City, Missouri and is now a staff composer for Jenson Publications, Inc., New Berlin, Wisconsin. He attended Central Methodist College in Fayette Missouri and the University of Kansas in Lawrence, where he studied music.

Mr. Smith has received many awards for his contributions to music, such as the "Distinguished Alumni Award" and the A.S.C.A.P. Composer's Award.

The band playing Longwood's 1984 Contemporary Music Symposium consisted of the Longwood College Concert Band and various members chosen from area high schools.

Several students from the Appomattox County High School Concert Band were priveledged to be able to attend this event. They were Richard Baxter, Kathy Bryan, Tina Campbell, Jeff Jaggers, Tim Lawson, Robbie Phillips, Cathy Roberston, and Tracey Trent.

Appomattox band director, Frank Coffey, accompanied the students to Longwood. They rehearsed about 6 hours, viewed parts of Longwood's campus, and gave a concert in the Wygal Music Building at 7:30 that evening.

These students along with other participants in the band were priveledged to attend and learn and gain experience from this activity.

LOCAL STUDENTS participating in the special concert held at Longwood College include (front from left,) Tina Campbell, Tracey Trent, Cathy Robinson, Kathy Bryan (back) Tim Lawson, Richard Baxter, Jeff Jaggers and Robby Phillips.

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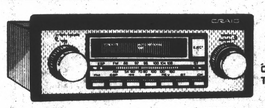

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